



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)
AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2003

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, chronic lung diseases, known collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases cost the United States an estimated \$32 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, 16 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD with a similar number undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease in this country; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy and be informed and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect that health; and

NOW THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I proclaim November 2003, as **CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State